

ORDINANCE No. 2006-20-101

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2006-15-96, WHICH CREATED A JUNIOR COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR AN APPOINTMENT PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR A TERM; PROVIDING FOR AN APPLICATION PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR PARENTAL CONSENT; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2006-15-96, creating a Youth Council, to be composed of students who attend Miami Norland and Miami Carol City High Schools, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2006-15-96 provided for elections to occur at Miami Norland and Miami Carol City High Schools, but the City Council has determined that instead of holding elections, that the Youth Council should be comprised of the members of the Student Government Associations of both schools, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the "Student Council" should more appropriately named the "Junior Council", and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it appropriate to make other amendments to Ordinance No. 2006-15-96,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, as follows:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas Clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby

made a specific part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT: Ordinance No. 2006-15-96, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 2. Creation: There is hereby created a Junior Council ("Junior Council") in the City of Miami Gardens. The Junior Council shall be comprised of fourteen (14) members.

Section 3. Qualifications: Members of the Junior Council are required to be High School Students, all of who shall be officers of the Student Government Associations of both Miami Norland and Miami Carol City High School. Members of the Junior Council shall maintain at least a 2.5 Grade Point Average; shall maintain good citizenship; and shall demonstrate an interest in the community, and a willingness to serve the youth of Miami Gardens.

Section 4. Appointment Process: The members of the Junior Council shall be those officers elected to the respective Student Association Government bodies of Norland Senior High School and Miami Carol City High Schools.

Section 5. Nomination of Officers. At its annual organization meeting, the Junior Council shall select a Mayor, Vice-Mayor, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and Parliamentarian from amongst the Junior Council members. The Mayor shall serve as the presiding officer for all meetings, and the Vice-Mayor shall serve in that capacity in the Mayor's absence. The Clerk

shall be responsible for keeping and preparing minutes of all meetings and agenda. The Deputy Clerk shall serve in the Clerk's absence, and shall assist the Clerk as necessary. The Parliamentarian shall be responsible for ensuring that the Robert's Rules of Order are complied with.

Section 6. Terms of Office: Once appointed, the Members of the Junior Council shall serve a one-year term, unless a member is removed as provided for in Section 7. Students shall not be prohibited from serving multiple terms of office.

Section 7. Removal/Resignation: Junior Council Members may be removed by the City Manager for cause. Upon the removal or resignation of a member whose term is not expired, the City Mayor and Council shall select a member to serve out the remaining term of the member that has been removed. Such member shall be from the same school as the Junior Council member who resigned or was removed.

Section 8. Oath of Office/Parental Consent/Application: Each Junior Council Member shall as a prerequisite for serving, take an Oath of Office and complete an application. In addition the parent(s) or legal guardians of all Junior Council members shall complete a parental consent form.

Section 9. Attendance: Any Junior Council Member, who fails to attend two (2) consecutive regular meetings of Junior Council, without being excused by the Junior Council Mayor, shall be subject to removal by

the City Manager. The Junior Council Mayor may excuse members from attendance for the following reasons: school or work conflict, personal or family illness or death. The Junior Council Mayor shall not excuse any member for more than three (3) meetings in any calendar year

Section 10. Bylaws, Rules and Regulations: Robert's

Rules of Order shall govern all meetings of committees and non-statutory boards.

Section 11. Meetings: At the annual organizational meeting, or as soon as practicable thereafter, a regular meeting date, location and time, shall be established for the Junior Council. Minutes and records shall be kept of all meetings, and all meetings shall be public.

Section 12. Quorum: The presence of a majority of the Junior Council shall constitute a quorum. If no quorum is present, the Junior Council can still meet and discuss topics. However, no vote shall be taken upon any item. A majority of the Junior Council present at a meeting must vote in the affirmative in order for an item to be approved.

Section 13. Reporting: The Junior Council shall make recommendations to the City Council by written memoranda, on the first day of November, February and May of each year, or more frequently as deemed necessary by the City Council. The Junior Council should make every effort to attend the meetings of the City Council where the recommendations and/or written memoranda of the Junior Council are to

be presented and considered.

Section 14. Duties and Responsibilities: The Junior Council shall have the Following duties and responsibilities:

1. To develop and adopt, by majority vote, a Junior Council Charter, which shall be approved by the City Council.
2. To carry out the purposes of the Youth City Government as outlined in the Charter.
3. To keep the Mayor and City Council informed of the issues that affect the City's youth.
4. To give advice to the City Manager and the City Council with respect to issues that affect the City of Miami Gardens' youth.
5. To recommend social, educational, cultural and recreational activities for youth and to assist with the implementation of those activities at the direction of the City Manager or City Council.
6. To work with the Manager and City Council on providing service and leadership opportunities for the youth of the City.

SECTION 3. CONFLICT: All ordinances or Code provisions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

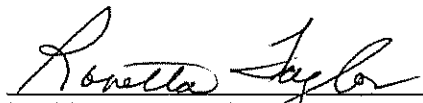
SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become

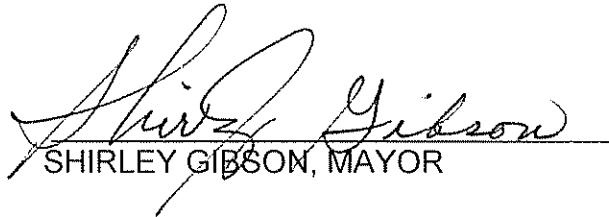
effective immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED ON FIRST READING IN FULL ON THE 11th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2006.

ADOPTED AND PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 25TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2006.

ATTEST:


RONETTA TAYLOR, CMC, CITY CLERK
Prepared by SONJA K. DICKENS, ESQ.
City Attorney


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

SPONSORED BY: Councilwoman Barbara Watson

MOVED BY: Councilwoman Watson

SECONDED BY: Vice Mayor Braynon

VOTE: 7-0

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| Mayor Shirley Gibson | <u> x </u> (Yes) | <u> </u> (No) |
| Vice Mayor Oscar Braynon, II | <u> x </u> (Yes) | <u> </u> (No) |
| Councilman Melvin L. Bratton | <u> x </u> (Yes) | <u> </u> (No) |
| Councilman Aaron Campbell | <u> x </u> (Yes) | <u> </u> (No) |
| Councilman Ulysses Harvard | <u> x </u> (Yes) | <u> </u> (No) |
| Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett | <u> x </u> (Yes) | <u> </u> (No) |
| Councilwoman Barbara Watson | <u> x </u> (Yes) | <u> </u> (No) |

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Barbara Watson
City Council – Seat 2

Date: October 25, 2006

Re: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS,
FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2006-15-96, WHICH CREATED A
JUNIOR COUNCIL;

The City created a Youth Council to be comprised of students who attend Norland and Miami Carol City High Schools. When this Council was created it called for elections to occur at Miami Norland and Miami Carol City High Schools.

The attached ordinance on for second reading and public hearing amends Ordinance No. 2006-15-96, and provides for the name change of the Junior Council from Youth Council to Junior Council. It further provides for the Junior Council to consist of 14 members instead of the original 7 members. This ordinance also provides that members of the Junior Council shall be those officers elected to the respective Student Association Government bodies of Norland Senior High School and Miami Carol City High Schools.

RECOMMENDATION: To adopt this ordinance.